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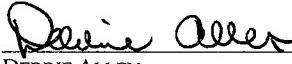
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TEMPLE ET AL. § Group Art Unit: **1712**
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Serial No.: **10/776,887** §
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Filed: **FEBRUARY 11, 2004** §
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For: **"DRILLING FLUIDS WITH** §
IMPROVED SHALE INHIBITION AND §
METHODS OF DRILLING IN §
SUBTERRANEAN FORMATIONS" §
Atty Docket No.: **HES 2003-IP-009967U1P1**

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
OFFICE ACTION MAILED ON AUGUST 23, 2007

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 23, 2007 (the "Office Action"), and as a supplement to Applicants' amendment filed on November 15, 2007 (the "November 15, 2007 Response), Applicants submit this Supplemental Amendment and Response.

- **Amendments to the Claims**, begin on page 2 of this paper and
- **Remarks/Arguments**, begin on page 11 of this paper.